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REFERENCE BY THE SPEAKER

Re : Mourning the loss of young innocent lives in fire accident at Lord Krishna School at Kumbakonam, Tamil Nadu

Title: Reference made to the tragic fire accident at the Lord Krishna School at Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu on July 16, 2004 which resulted in the death of many children, teachers and other persons.

MR. SPEAKER: May I interrupt you for a minute? I have a very sad news to communicate.

Hon. Members, the House is shocked to learn about the tragic fire accident at the Lord Krishna School at Kumbakonam, Thanjavur district in Tamil Nadu resulting in the death of about 75 children and three teachers. About 30 persons have also reportedly been injured in the accident.

This House deeply mourns the loss of young innocent lives in this accident and expresses profound sorrow on this tragedy. We convey our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families.

The Members may now stand in silence for a short while in memory of the departed.

(The Members then stood in silence for a short while.)